

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING
HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
PROJECT SUMMARY**

Introduction

The Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging, in partnership with the Hawaii County Office of Aging and the City and County of Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division, will develop an Aging and Disability Resources Center (ADRC) in Hawaii. The Center will be established on the Island of Hawaii and with a possible second Center on the Island of Oahu. The State's ADRC Project's Goals are:

- Establish a highly visible ADRC that serves as a single, point of entry to long term care benefits and programs,
- Streamline the process for screening, intake, assessment and eligibility determination,
- Develop a statewide long term care access plan that will build the ADRC infrastructure for future replication throughout the State.

ADRC Services

The overall design is to build the ADRC from the core functions of the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The first ADRC site will be in Hawaii County. In collaboration with other aging and disability agencies, the Hawaii County Office of Aging plans to co-locate services and providers in a centralized facility – offering a one-stop shop for information and resources. The Mayor and Hawaii County Council have identified the ADRC as one of their priority projects and will support project development on the Big Island with additional funding.

The ADRC Center will offer:

- Information and Referrals
- Counseling
- Assessment
- Eligibility functions for both publicly (Medicaid) and privately funded services
- Coordination with Other Programs
- Prospective Planning to help people plan ahead for their long term service and support needs

Target Groups

1) Elderly over the age 60 (by the end of Project Year 1)

2) People with physical disabilities (by the 2nd quarter of Project Year 2)

Project's Impact on State

- 1) A comprehensive, highly visible and trusted source of information on the full range of in-home, community based and institutional services and programs for the elderly and those with disabilities, will be available to all consumers seeking assistance. This will minimize confusion, enhance individual choice and support informed decision making.
- 2) The ADRC will serve as the entry point of publicly administered long term care services including Medicaid community based waiver programs, nursing homes, the Older Americans Act and other state programs. The Center may play an important role in assisting consumers access to the new Expanded QUEST managed care system for the Aged, Blind and Disabled population which will begin in 2007.
- 3) The Statewide Long Term Care Access Plan will serve as the blueprint for future ADRC replication throughout the State. This will ensure uniform information for consumers and a standardized process for accessing programs and services.
- 4) The project will involve consumers and other stakeholders at the state and local level in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the ADRC Program. A State ADRC Advisory Board will be established with representation from other state agencies, private organizations, service providers, consumers, and businesses to develop the Statewide Long Term Care Access Plan. Public-private partnerships will be established to carry out the program. The County AAAs will also establish advisory boards or steering committees in their respective counties to assist in the actual ADRC planning and implementation.
- 5) The ADRC will improve the ability of the state and county governments to manage resources and monitor program quality through the Center's centralized data collection and evaluation.

Issues and Challenges

- 1) Financial sustainability of the ADRC and funding for future replication
- 2) The establishment of an ADRC site for the City and County of Honolulu and other counties
- 3) Coordination with the new Expanded QUEST Program for the Medicaid Population
- 4) Coordination with programs and agencies for the younger disabled population
- 5) Development of a Management Information System that can interface with current data collection systems, reporting requirements, and equipment

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